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GW GEOGRAPHY BOWL TEAM SWEEPS REGIONALS

Squad Earns Bid to National Championship in Philadelphia Next March

WASHINGTON – Ten geography students from The George Washington University traveled to Charlotte, N.C., on Sunday, November 23, to compete in the Southeast Division Regionals of the World Geography Bowl sponsored by the Association of American Geographers (AAG). The GW team, which represented the Mid-Atlantic Division, swept the competition going undefeated in 10 rounds of play and earned a bid to the World Geography Bowl championship that will be held in Philadelphia in March 2004.

“The team is very talented and balanced,” said Marie Price, chair of the Department of Geography and coach of the team. “We had some tough competition from the Georgia and Tennessee teams, but the team kept its cool and played well. Now it’s on to Philadelphia.”

In geography bowl, teams compete in 10 rounds of individual and group questions. Individual “toss-up” questions are similar to those on “Jeopardy,” with a person buzzing in when they know the answer. A correct “toss-up” awards an individual player and the team points. The team questions can be worth up to 30 points. The team answers them after conferring with one another and the points are added to the team’s score.

The two team captains, Wesley Reisser and Maxwell Ruckdeschel, also were the leading GW scorers. Reisser, a senior with a double-major in international affairs and history and a minor in geography, had the second highest overall score. Ruckdeschel, a second-year master’s student in geography had the third highest overall score. Other team members include geography master’s students Jennifer Brown, Devin Keithley and Laura Vacherlon; undergraduate geography majors Derek Azar, Patrick Ryan and Pedro Martinez; and undergraduate international affairs and geography majors Mustafa Dimbiloglu and John Miller.

The GW team will represent the Mid-Atlantic Division of AAG at the World Geography Bowl, held in conjunction with the 100th Annual AAG meeting in Philadelphia, March 14-19, 2004. At the 2003 nationals in New Orleans, GW finished third and competed against regional student teams from across the country. It was GW’s first trip to the nationals.

The World Geography Bowl began in 1987 when a Syrian engineering student named Bashir Rabat at North Carolina State University challenged other North Carolina universities to bring teams to compete in a geography “Jeopardy” game. By 1993, the first national competition was held in Atlanta, Ga., and sponsored by AAG.

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GW INKS AGREEMENT WITH ARMY TO TRAIN MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS

Newly Created Distance Program to Benefit Personnel at Army's Worldwide System of Museums, Including National Museum of the U.S. Army to Open at Ft. Belvoir in 2009

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University Graduate Program in Museum Studies has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) to develop course material and assist in training future staff of the more than 60 museums worldwide in the Army Museum System. The MOU will also enable existing Army museum personnel to take advantage of mid-career training.

To be the capstone of the Army Museum System, the NMUSA is scheduled to open on June 14, 2009, the 234th birthday of the Army, and will be located on the grounds of Ft. Belvoir, VA.

With this new partnership, Army museum personnel will have the opportunity to study with GW faculty drawn from a pool of practicing museum professionals. GW faculty is donating the resources required to teach and manage the initial class.

"Museum studies is one of our best programs and this partnership is a great example of linking GW classrooms to the world in different ways," said William J. Frawley, dean of GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS). "We look forward to working with the Army on this exciting project."

GW's Museum Studies Program of the CCAS will begin training the NMUSA staff in January 2004. The program's CD-ROM-based distance learning program includes one course, "Collections Management: Legal and Ethical Issues," with two others under development: "Collections Management: Practical Applications" and "Museum Conservation Principles and Practices." Together, the three courses will comprise a program in collections care that will become a requirement for all NMUSA staff and interns.

NMUSA projects that 20 personnel will participate the first year of the program, with that number doubling the second year. At the completion of the first course in May 2004, the initial group of students will evaluate the course for further customization to the Army program.

The agreement with GW is a part of NMUSA's Staff Development and Mentoring Program (SDMP) coordinated by South Carolina State University's School of Applied Sciences. SDMP is a consortium of selected universities partnering with NMUSA to assist in developing and training its 21st century museum workforce, with a view towards increasing minority participation in the museum profession. Other consortium schools include Alabama A&M University, Hampton University, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Texas Pan American. Plans are to offer the three courses developed by GW through all schools in the NMUSA Consortium.

GW's Museum Studies Program is one of the first of its kind and the largest graduate museum studies program in the country. The faculty is drawn from a pool of practicing museum professionals from the Washington D.C. area with many years of experience in all aspects of museum operations.

For further information, please visit NMUSA's Web site, www.army.mil/nmusa.

For further information on GW Museum Studies program, visit www.gwu.edu/~mstd.

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**GW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT APPOINTS
ALBERT RAZICK DIRECTOR OF ITS PROFESSIONAL M.B.A. PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON – Susan M. Phillips, dean of the School of Business and Public Management (SBPM) at The George Washington University, proudly announces the appointment of Albert Razick as director of the school's Professional and Accelerated Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Programs.

Razick is a seasoned veteran in the higher-education arena with 14 years of experience at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and the Georgetown University Law Center. He was the director of Corporate and Certificate Programs in the Executive Education Division, where he worked with public and private organizations such as the World Bank, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bechtel Corporation and National Geographic Television to create customized business programs to meet their educational needs. He also managed non-degree programs in international business management, international finance and information technology.

Razick will manage GW's part-time M.B.A. program, SBPM's largest master's student population. Professionals from companies such as Fannie Mae, Lockheed Martin and ExxonMobil join mid- to senior-level managers from the U.S. Department of State, the International Finance Corporation and the U.S. Navy to create a dynamic classroom environment. Razick also will work with organizations to develop customized programs that take advantage of SBPM's diverse course offerings in the areas of accountancy, finance, international business, information systems, marketing, strategic management and public policy and tourism studies.

Razick earned his M.B.A., and a master's degree in public policy, with an emphasis on health care, from Georgetown University. His bachelor's degree is in history from the University of Maryland.

Increasingly, GW's management school is regarded as one of the world's best. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked GW 25th for part-time M.B.A. programs and in the top 50 for undergraduate business programs for four consecutive years. Meanwhile, *U.S. News* ranked GW 65th, *Forbes* ranked GW 66th and *BusinessWeek* ranked GW in the top 70 for full-time M.B.A. programs. GW's M.B.A. program also has been recognized by the World Resources Institute as "cutting-edge" for leadership in training students in social and environmental stewardship.

**For more information about SBPM, please visit www.sbp.m.gwu.edu.
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GW PROFESSOR WALTER REICH HONORED BY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Freedom and Responsibility Award Recognizes Reich's Work to Combat Soviet Practice of Labeling Political Dissidents as Mentally Ill

WASHINGTON – Walter Reich, the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior at The George Washington University, has received the 2003 Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

The AAAS award, which is presented annually to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility, recognizes the work of Dr. Reich, a psychiatrist, in combating the Soviet practice of labeling political dissidents as mentally ill and in mobilizing the international psychiatric community to condemn this practice.

"This award means a lot to me because human rights mean a lot to me," said Reich. "If the AAAS believes that I've contributed something to protecting those rights, then I can think of no honor more gratifying."

The award further commends Reich for his work that shows how psychiatric explanations for unacceptable behavior are often used to excuse it, thereby undermining the concept of personal responsibility. It also honors his work since the 1970s, to protect human rights and combat genocide around the world, as well as his service as the director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum from 1995 to 1998.

"This is an outstanding achievement for which Dr. Reich is very worthy," said Harry Harding, dean of the GW Elliott School of International Affairs. "His perseverance in investigating and revealing the distortions and misuses of psychiatric theories and practices in the former Soviet Union contributed greatly to the protection of human rights."

Reich, whose expertise also includes Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, was named the first occupant of the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Chair at GW when it was created in 1998. He is also a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at GW, a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a contributing editor of the *Wilson Quarterly*, a lecturer in psychiatry at Yale University and a professor of psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Reich earned his bachelor's degree in 1965 from Columbia University and his M.D. in 1970 from the New York University School of Medicine.

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**GW ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE JENNY MCKEAN MOORE
READING SERIES FOR SPRING 2004**

WHAT: Spring 2004 Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series, presented by The George Washington University Department of English. The Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series sponsors six to eight readings at GW each year by noted poets, novelists, playwrights and others.

SCHEDULE: **Thursday, February 5, 8:00 p.m.**

Honor Moore

A poet, biographer and playwright, Honor Moore is the author of two books of poetry "Memoir" (1989) and "Darling" (2001). In between her poetry works she authored a biography of her grandmother, the modernist painter Margaret Sargent, "The White Blackbird" (1996). Moore has received awards in poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts and in play writing for her 1974 work "Mourning Pictures" from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Thursday, February 26, 8:00 p.m.

C.K. Williams

C.K. Williams was born in Newark, NJ, and was educated at the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career as a poet in the early 1960s with his first collection, "Lies," published in 1969. Among other honors, Williams was awarded the 2000 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for his work "Repair" and won the 2003 National Book Award for his book of poetry "The Singing." He currently teaches in the Creative Writing Program at Princeton University and lives part of the year in Paris.

Thursday, April 15, 8:00 p.m.

Githa Hariharan

Githa Hariharan's first novel, "The Thousand Faces of Night" (1992), won the Commonwealth Writers Prize. Since then, she has published a collection of stories, "The Art of Dying" (1993), followed by three novels, "The Ghosts of Vasu Master" (1994), "When Dreams Travel" (1999) and "In Times of Siege (2003)." Hariharan's work has been translated into French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Greek; her essays and fiction have also been included in several collections and anthologies, such as Salman Rushdie's "Mirrorwork: 50 Years of Indian Writing 1947-1997."

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center, 3rd Floor Amphitheater
800 21st Street, NW

Washington, D.C. (Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: Free and open to the public.

**For more information about the Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series contact the
English department at (202) 994-6180.**

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